

REMARKS

Reference to the parent application has been added and the title has been amended. New claims to the structure of the self-passivated copper interconnect have been added. No new matter has been added.

All Claims are believed to be Allowable.

It is requested that should the Examiner not find that the Claims are now Allowable that the Examiner call the undersigned at 845 452 5863 to overcome any problems preventing allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Ackerman', written over the printed name.

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